



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
BOARD OF ADVISORS

RESOLUTION 2008-3

Whereas, The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA); and

Whereas, the Help America Vote Act requires the EAC to test, certify, and decertify voting equipment hardware and software; and

Whereas, the EAC certification program replaced a volunteer program operated by the National Association of State Election Directors (NASD); and

Whereas, the EAC decided that it would not recognize any of the certification testing performed by NASD; and

Whereas, that decision combined with very slow development of the EAC's certification program has caused a backlog of systems waiting to be certified; and

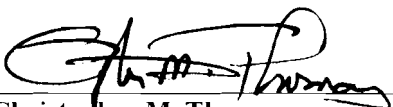
Whereas, that backlog has led to states conducting 2008 primary elections with voting equipment hardware and software in need of improvement; and

Whereas, the common practice since the introduction of electronic voting systems has been to make hardware and software upgrades based on issues found in the most recent election in sufficient time to improve the voting systems for the next general election; and

Whereas, the current EAC certification system is causing states to consider moving away from federal certification requirements, which will lead to varying standards in each of the 50 states; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Advisors strongly encourages the EAC to continue working to resolve the impasse created by developing certification systems and remove certification barriers and roadblocks in order to ensure certification of needed system improvements in time for use in the 2008 general election.

A True Record Attest:


Christopher M. Thomas
Chair of the Board of Advisors

Submitted by Chris Nelson on June 17, 2008

Approved as to form by Resolutions Committee on June 17, 2008

Passed on June 18, 2008 by a majority voice vote of those present.